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Minutes

— of the —

SEVENTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Black Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

PITTMAN'S GROVE CHURCH

Near Kenly, North Carolina

October 26, 27, 28,

1951

1952 session convenes with Contentnea Church, Friday
before the fourth Sunday in October, at 11 a. m.

Officers

ELDER E. L. COBB - Moderator, ... Wilson, N. C.
ELDER J. T. WILLIAMS - Mod. Pro tem, Elm City, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk Wilson, N. C.
J. T. BOYETTE - Ass't Clerk, ... Wilson N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK
CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE
CHURCH AT PITTMAN'S GROVE NEAR KENLY NORTH CAROLINA
October 26, 27, 28, 1951

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 1951.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Turner.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Williams, from Isaiah 35:1-6.

3. Conference was opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

4. On motion and agreed: Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Moderator, but due to his infirmities, Elder J. T. Williams was chosen Moderator Pro tem, and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called Brother J. T. Boyette as assistant.

5. On motion and agreed brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6. The following Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon

Elder A. B. Ayers, Gen. 3:9.

Elder J. L. Ross, Joel 2:1.

Elder A. B. Denson, Eph. 2:1-23.

Elder R. W. Gurganus, Isa. 54:1, 2.

Elder L. A. Johnson, John 5:25, 26.

Elder Lester E. Lee, John 14:6.

7. Brethren F. W. Scott, E. T. Smith, J. T. Ballance were appointed a Committee on Finance.

8. Letters from 19 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations:
Abbott's Creek: Agreed not to seat at this sitting.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Baltimore: Not represented.

Contentnea: Elders G. G. Trevathan, J. B. Roberts, J. E. Mewborn.

Kehukee: Elder A. B. Ayers, John H. Coker, I. H. C. Joyner.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, Wade Brown, J. J. Batten.

Lower Country Line: Elder A. L. Holloway, A. J. Hill, Sister Laura Gooch.

Lower Mayo: Elder W. H. Freeman.

Mill Branch: S. G. Norris, B. E. Hewitt.

New River: Minutes.

Pigg River District: Minutes.

Salem: Agreed not to seat at this sitting.

Seven Mile: Elders L. A. Johnson, Lester E. Lee, Brother Junius Barefoot.

Staunton River: Elder Emmett Stone.

Upper Country Line: Minutes.

White Oak: Elders R. W. Gurganus, S. Gray, Sister Gurganus.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Contentnea, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1952 at 11 o'clock. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner, and Elder N. S. Davis, alternate.

12. The following brethren were appointed to attend the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Abbott's Creek: None.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Contentnea: Joe E. Craft, E. T. Smith, J. B. Price.

Kehukee: Elder W. B. Barnes.

Little River: Elder W. R. Hines, W. T. Brantley, Joe E. Craft.

Lower Country Line: Elder W. R. Hines, W. T. Brantley.

Lower Mayo: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Elder J. T. Williams.

New River: Minutes.

Pigg River District: Minutes.

Seven Mile: Elder J. T. Williams, J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith.

Staunton River: Minutes.

White Oak: Elder W. B. Barnes, O. R. Daniel.

Upper Country Line: Joe E. Craft.

13. The officers of this Association, together with the deacons of this Church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

14. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning:

Elder G. G. Trevathan, Esther 4:16.

Elder A. L. Holloway, Obadiah 1:17.

Elder J. B. Roberts, Eph. 1:5.

Elder W. H. Freeman, Rom. 9:14.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon:

Elder S. Gray, 22:14.

Elder Emmett Stone, Zech. 13:1.

Elder W. C. Edwards, 1 Cor. 1:26.

Elder C. L. Robbins, John 1:11.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning:

Elder R. B. Denson 2 Peter 2:6.

Elder J. E. Mewborn, 1 Cor. 15:32.

Elder B. W. Owens, no special text.

Elder J. C. Smith, 1 Tim. 2:4.

Elder E. C. Jones, Heb. 1:3.

Elder J. D. Fly, Isa. 40:1.

Elder M. F. Westbrook, Jer. 10:23.

Elder H. G. Cox, Job 1:36.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon:

Elder R. P. Bachelor, "Jesus."

Elder L. E. Bryan, Acts 8:30.

Elder Lewis Williams, no special text.

Elder J. C. Moore, Job 19:23-27.

Elder E. C. Stephenson, John 3:14.

Elder T. L. Grimes, John 6:29.

15. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those not present were marked absent.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those who failed to attend were excused.

17. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Received from the churches	\$270.84	
Donation from the stand	106.42	
Paid for printing Minutes	\$42.00	
Allowed the Clerk	20.00	
Allowed the Moderator	10.00	
Allowed Moderator Pro tem	10.00	
Given to visiting ministers	295.26	
Totals	\$377.26	\$377.26

18. The report was received and Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association with whom we correspond, who failed to make his report can do so any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same in the Minutes.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 1050 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, and record one on our record; and that the Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

21. Agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these Minutes.

22. The deacons of Pittman's Grove Church were appointed to preserve order during the service on Saturday and Sunday.

23. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this, and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10 a. m. on Sunday.

25. After the Minutes were read and approved, the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER E. L. COBB, Moderator,
ELDER J. T. WILLIAMS, Moderator Pro-Tem,
ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk,
BROTHER J. T. BOYETTE, Assistant Clerk.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. T. Williams, Elm City, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines, Raleigh, N. C.
Elder J. B. Murray, Rt. 2, Middlesex, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.

Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.
 Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.
 Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Elder H. E. Mann, Zebulon, N. C.

Licentiate:

A. C. Owens, Wilson, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Aycocks—J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.	35
Old Beulah—J. P. Pittman, R. F. D. Selma, N. C.	50
Contentnea—J. T. Boyette, Wilson, N. C.	65
Dudley—Mrs. Cousie Southerland, Mt. Olive, N. C.	6
Goldsboro—W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.	23
Lower Black Creek—J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.	60
Healthy Plains—O. W. Hales, 806 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.	35
Memorial—L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	35
Mill Branch—Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.	25
Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C.	25
New Chapel—Albert Smith, Rt. 1, Goldsboro, N. C.	12
Pittman's Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.	23
Scotts—J. B. Barron, 828 Mill St., Wilson, N. C.	34
Upper Black Creek—Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.	100
White Oak—Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.	33
Sandy Grove—L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	45
Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.	8
Sappony—J. B. Williams, 520 N. Church St., Rocky Mt., N. C.	25
Creeches—G. G. Creech, J. E. Creech Ass't Clerk, Rt. 2, Selma, N. C.	52

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Monroe, N. C.			20
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.			95
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.			30
Delaware River—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.			10
Delaware—Henry H. Townsend, Sr., Newton Square, Pa.			5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.			40
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.			25
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C.			15
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va.			25
Seven Mile—Graham Jackson, Godwin, N. C.			10
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.			15
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C.			20
Va. Corresponding Meeting—A. D. Alston, Herndon, Va.			10
Warwick—Cyrus Risler, P. O. Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.			10
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C.			20

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Rt. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.

4. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C. J. E. Creech Ass't Clerk, Rt. 2, Selma, N. C. August 1st Sunday.
5. Dudley—Elder H. E. Mann, Pastor; Cousie Southerland Clerk, Mount Olive, N. C.; August 3rd Sunday.
- N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.
6. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
7. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder W. J. Berry, Elon College, N. C. Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. August 2nd Sunday.
8. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
9. Memorial—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
10. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
11. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., Rt. 2; September, 4th Sunday.
12. New Chapel—Elder W. G. Pate, Pastor; Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.
13. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.
14. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Brantley Spring Hope, N. C.; May 4th Sunday.
15. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., 520 N. Church St.; September, 3rd Sunday.
16. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; October 1st Sunday.
17. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
18. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
19. Elm City—Pastor Eld. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C. 2nd Sunday in October.

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948
3—Contentnea	1912-1933
4—Creech's	1913-1929-1949
5—Dudley	
6—Goldsboro	
7—Healthy Plains	1915-1937
8—Lower Black Creek	1905-1922-1939-1950
9—Memorial	1904-1919-1934
10—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
11—Nashville	1909-1920-1938
12—New Chapel	1891
13—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935-1951
14—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
15—Sappony	1926-1942
16—Scott's	1908-1932-1946
17—Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
18—White Oak	1907-1927-1944
19—Elm City	1925-1947

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The Minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1., to provide for the

general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

1951 PITTMAN'S GROVE — STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS						
		Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis'd by letter	Excluded	Deceased
Aycocks	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, S. H. Aycock	35	\$15.00				
Old Beulah	J. B. Pittman, Joe Woodard, D. L. Boyette	3	16.00				
Contentnea	J. T. Boyette, T. R. Smith, D. A. Page	1	28.34				
Dudley	Walter Crawford, Sister Lizzie Crawford	3	6				
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, M. L. Bartlett* B. F. Taylor*	1	23				
Lower Black Crk	O R. Daniel, J. G. Mercer, J. P. Bardin	1	59				
Healthy Plains .	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, O. W. Hales	1	34				
Memorial	F. O. Davis, T. J. Yelverton, L. G. Forehand	4	35				
Mill Branch	B. Vivrette, L. A. Hinton, Elder Johnnie Joyner	1	25				
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	1	27				
New Chapel	A. J. Smith, Sister Lizzie Sasser	13	6.00				
Pittman's Grove .	Lee Pope, Joe Langley, James Pope	2	23				
Scotts	J. B. Barron, J. W. Ellis, Herman Bryant	1	34				
Upper Black Crk	F. W. Scott, J. R. Exum, W. R. Barnes	1	6102				
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris*	33	20.00				
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley, J. E. Farmer, L. G. Bantley	1	45				
Elm City	Elder W. B. Barnes, Sister Millie F. Barnes, Sister Mary Page	2	8				
Sappony	Elder J. T. Williams, W. N. Cockrell, W. A. Johnson	2	26				
Creeches	N. R. Creech, J. E. Creech, N. P. Pittman	1	52				
* Absent		3	30.80				
		Membership					
		Contribution					

Minutes

— of the —

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



— HELD WITH —

Memorial Church

Wayne County, North Carolina

OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 1953

1954 Session Convenes With White Oak Church,
Friday Before The Fourth Sunday In October,
At 11:00 A M.



— Officers —

Elder J. T. Williams, Moderator	 Elm City, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner, Clerk	 Wilson, N. C.
J. T. Boyette, Ass't Clerk	 Wilson, N. C.

Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MEMORIAL, WAYNE COUNTY, N. C., OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 1953.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Turner.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Williams, from 2nd. Tim. 4th. verse.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder G. G. Trevathian.

4. On motion and agreed Elder J. T. Williams was chosen Moderator and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. T. Boyette.

5. On motion and agreed that we rescind the action of our conference last year in seating the Abbott's Creek and Salem Association's because of the increased confusion, dissatisfaction and unrest which has resulted.

6. On motion and agreed that we temporarily suspend our correspondence to be taken up again at the proper time.

7. The following Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon, Elder G. G. Trevathian. Did not get text.

8. Brethren, F. W. Scott, Troy Brantley, J. T. Ballance were appointed a committee on finance.

9. Letters from 19 churches composing this association were called for and read.

10. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the church at White Oak to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1954, at eleven o'clock and continue through Sunday. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner, and Elder W. B. Barnes, Alternate.

12. The officers of this Association, together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

13. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning:

Elder W. P. Lamm, opened the service with praise and prayer.

Elder J. L. Ross, Isaiah 11:1-6.

Elder J. E. Mewborn, 1st. Sam. 2:3.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon:

Elder J. R. Hollandsworth, St. Mat. 1:18-21.

Elder W. C. King, St. John 6:60.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning:

Elder J. D. Fly opened the service with praise and prayer.

Elder J. G. Gaskill, Isaiah 55:1.

Elder R. B. Denson, Heb. 6:1.

Elder W. E. Grimes, Heb. 11:1.

Elder J. D. Fly, Isaiah 40:2.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon:

Elder E. C. Stephenson, Chron. 9:1.

Elder Bennie Owens, No special text.

Elder J. B. Roberts, 1st. John 4:7.

14. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those not present were marked absent.

15. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called on to report, and those who failed to attend were excused.

16. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches	\$245.65	
Received from Stand Contribution		131.50
Paid for minutes	\$ 65.00	
Allowed Clerk	20.00	
Allowed Moderator	10.00	
Postage and Mailing material	1.25	
Given Visiting ministers	161.00	
Ballance on hand held by Bro. J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.	119.90	
	377.15	377.15

17. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

18. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association with whom we correspond, who failed to make his report can do so any time during the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record the same on our minutes.

19. The Clerk is authorized to have 1050 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, and record one on our record; and that the Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

20. Agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these minutes.

21. The Deacons of Memorial Church were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

22. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this, other sections, who so kindly prepared and entertained, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

23. On motion and agreed that the Association begin service at 10:30 A. M. Saturday and 10 o'clock A. M. Sunday.

24. On motion and agreed to seat churches that did not seat any time during the Association.

NOTE: Goldsboro and Creeches churches that did not seat Friday turned their letters and contributions in Saturday and seated. On Sunday before the Association adjourned Goldsboro and Dudley requested their letters to be turned back to them which was granted.

25. After the minutes were read and approved, the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder J. T. Williams, Moderator

Elder W. E. Turner, Clerk

Brother J. T. Boyette, Ass't Clerk

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IN MEMORIUM

It is again our sad duty to record the passing of another of our able and faithful ministers and Moderator of the Black Creek Association, Elder E. L. Cobb, who departed this life on February 25, 1952 at the age of 71 years. His service to our Association dates back to the 43rd. session held with the church at Memorial in the year of 1919 at which time he was chosen Clerk. This office he held efficiently and faithfully until the year of 1942 when he succeeded the late Elder R. H. Boswell as Moderator. Soon after he was chosen Moderator failing health incapacitated him from active duty but he was held as Honorary Moderator of the Black Creek Association as long as he lived. We join in expressing our sympathy to his family and the churches he served so long and faithfully. We bow in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His blessing us with so noble a gift and for his long and consecrated service to our Association and the churches he pastored.

Elder W. E. Turner

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Dudley —Mrs. Cousie Southerland, Mt. Olive, N. C.	6
Goldsboro —M. L. Bartlett, RFD No. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	23
Lower Black Creek —J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.	60
Healthy Plains —O. W. Hales, 806 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.	35
Memorial —L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	35
Mill Branch —Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.	25
Nashville —J. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C.	25
New Chapel —Albert Smith, Rt. 1, Goldsboro, N. C.	12
Pittman's Grove —Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.	23
Scotts —J. B. Barron, 828 Mill St., Wilson, N. C.	34
Upper Black Creek —Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.	100
White Oak —Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.	33
Sandy Grove —L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	40
Elm City —Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.	8
Sappony —J. B. Williams, 520 N. Church St., Rocky Mt., N. C.	25
Creeches —G. G. Creech, J. E. Creech, Asst. Clerk, Rt. 2, Selma, N. C.	52

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Delaware River	—Mrs. Letha Blackwell,	Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware	—Henry H. Townsend, Sr.,	Newton Square, Pa.	5
Kehukee	—Elder R. B. Denson,	Rocky Mount, N. C.	40
Little River	—Elder T. F. Adams,	Willow Springs, N. C.	25
Lower Country Line	—J. J. Whitley,	Durham, N. C.	15
Pig River	—Elder John D. Wood,	P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va.	25
Seven Mile	—Graham Jackson,	Godwin, N. C.	10
Stauton River	—W. J. Oakes,	Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line	—Elder J. W. Gilliam,	Elon College, N. C.	20
Va. Corresponding Meeting	—Arthur L. Carter,	Manassas, Va.	10
Warwick	—Cyrus Risler,	P. O. Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.	10
White Oak	—Elder L. E. Bryan,	Beulaville, N. C.	20

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Rt. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.
4. Creeches—No pastor; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; J. E. Creech, Ass't. Clerk, Rt. 2, Selma, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
5. Dudley—Elder H. E. Mann, Pastor; Couise Southerland, Clerk, Mount Olive, N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.
6. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; September, 1st Sunday.
7. Healthy Plains—No pastor; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.
8. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder W. P. Lamm, Lucama, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
9. Memorial—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
10. Mill Branch—Clerk, Elders Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
11. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C. Rt. 2; September, 4th Sunday.
12. New Chapel—Elder W. G. Pate, Pastor; Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.
13. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.
14. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; May, 4th Sunday.
15. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., 520 N. Church St.; September, 3rd Sunday.
16. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.

17. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mt. N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

18. White Oak—Pastor, Elder W. P. Lamm, Lucama, N. C.; Clerk, Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

19. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C., 2nd Sunday in October.

YEAR'S ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903 - 1924 - 1940
2—Beulah	1902 - 1917 - 1936 - 1948
3—Contentnea	1912 - 1933 - 1952
4—Creech's	1913 - 1929 - 1949
5—Dudley	
6—Goldsboro	
7—Healthy Plains	1915 - 1937
8—Lower Black Creek	1905 - 1922 - 1939 - 1950
9—Memorial	1904 - 1919 - 1934 - 1953
10—Mill Branch	1911 - 1931 - 1945
11—Nashville	1909 - 1920 - 1938
12—New Chapel	1891
13—Pittman's Grove	1921 - 1935 - 1951
14—Sandy Grove	1923 - 1943
15—Sappony	1926 - 1942
16—Scott's	1908 - 1932 - 1946
17—Upper Black Creek	1914 - 1928 - 1941
18—White Oak	1907 - 1927 - 1944
19—Elm City	1925 - 1947

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall pe-

tition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the direction of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The Minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1., to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any per-

sons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS												
		Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec. on Con.	Membership	Contributions			
Aycocks	J. T. Ballance, J. T. Smith, E. T. Smith	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	34	\$ 15.00			
Contentnea	T. R. Smith, D. A. Page, J. T. Boyette	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	68	32.00			
Creeches	J. E. Creech, W. T. Barham, N. R. Creech	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	52	24.00			
Dudley	Requested not to be seated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00			
Elm City	Sister Mary E. Page, Sister Ruth Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4.00			
Goldsboro	Requested not to be seated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00			
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, W. N. Hillard	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	32	20.00			
Lower Black Creek	O. R. Daniel, J. P. Bardin, Andrew Boswell	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	62	10.00			
Memorial	Herman Hooks, F. O. Davis, L. G. Forehand	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	12.00			
Mill Branch	L. A. Hinton, B. Viverette, Elder Johnnie Joyner	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	23	12.15			
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, W. D. Robbins, J. W. Whitfield	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	24	9.50			
New Chapel	Eliza Sasser, Polly Crawford, A. J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	8.00			
Old Beulah	J. P. Pittman, S. W. Woodard, J. V. Woodard	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	54	16.00			
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, E. H. Scott, James Pope	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	5.00			
Sandy Grove	J. H. Gay, W. T. Brantley, L. G. Brantley	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	40	20.50			
Sappony	Elder J. T. Williams, W. N. Cockrell, J. B. Williams	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	27	12.50			
Scott's	J. B. Barron, E. C. Evans, C. D. Scott	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	32	10.00			
Upper Black Creek	W. R. Barnes, J. S. Rogerson, F. W. Scott	6	0	2	0	0	8	0	96	20.00			
White Oak	Joe Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	15.00			
Totals		21	0	2	4	3	23	0	665	245.65			

Minutes

— of the —

SEVENTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Black Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

WHITE OAK CHURCH

SARATOGA, WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

October 22, 23, 24,

1954

1955 Session convenes with Healthy Plains Church, Friday
before the fourth Sunday in October, at 11:00 A. M.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. B. BARNES - Moderator Elm City, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk Wilson, N. C.
BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE - Ass't. Clerk, Fremont, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT WHITE OAK, SARATOGA, NORTH CAROLINA, October 22, 23, 24, 1954.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Ayers.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Turner, text, Acts 21:10-14.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Grimes.

4. On motion and agreed, Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother Johnnie Ballance.

5. In as much as we discontinued our friendly correspondence last year with our sister associations in an effort to reconcile a difference of opinion on order which existed within our association that we seat our visiting brethren as visitors.

Kehukee Association: Elder A. B. Ayers, Elder R. B. Denson, Brother Lester House and others.

Contentnea Association: Elder J. E. Mewborn, Elder A. P. Mewborn, Brother Levey Mewborn, Elder C. N. Bunn, Elder C. L. Coker, Brother I. J. Horton, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

Pigg River: Elder E. C. Jones.

Upper Country Line: Brother J. H. Swaim, Brother C. H. Edwards.

Gooch Memorial Church: Sister Laura Gooch.

Durham Church: Brother J. J. Whitley.

Yellow River Association: Brother M. M. Absher.

6. The following elders were appointed to preach this afternoon:
Elder A. B. Ayers, St. Mark 10:35-40.

7. Brethren Troy Brantley, James Pope, E. T. Smith were appointed a Committee on Finance.

8. On motion and agreed that we call for letters from the eleven churches composing this Association, composed of the following churches, who are standing with the constitution and government of the Black Creek Association:

Aycocks:

Creech's: On motion and agreed that we recognize Creech's Church as those members who are standing for the order of the Black Creek Association conference as held with the Church at Memorial, October 23rd, 1953.

Elm City:

Healthy Plains:

Mill Branch:

Nashville:

Old Beulah:

Pittman's Grove:

Sandy Grove:

Scott's:

White Oak:

The following ministers of the Black Creek Association are in order: Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Elder J. B. Murray, Elder W. E. Turner, Elder C. D. Turner.

9. Furthermore, be it resolved that we, The Black Creek Association, refuse to recognize the following churches as being in order, who have since the closing of our 1953 session held at Memorial Church, October, 1953, resorted to disorderly practice as set forth in their minutes of a conference held with Contentnea Church on December 8, 1953, at which these churches withdrew from the order of the Black Creek Association, forfeiting their right to participate with the churches in order. We, the Black Creek Association prayerfully hope for reconciliation and pray God may direct them, and turn them from the error of their way. We stand ready at any time, with open arms to receive any of those churches who have departed from the order and Rules of Decorum of the Black Creek Association, if and when they turn from the error of their way:

Contentnea; Creech's: We do not recognize those members who followed after the disorder of the churches who withdrew from the Black Creek Association on December 8, 1953, at a conference held at Contentnea Church; Dudley, Goldsboro, Lower Black Creek, Memorial, New Chappel, Sappony and Upper Black Creek.

We consider the following ministers in disorder, who followed the churches that withdrew from the Black Creek Association: Elder J. T. Williams, Elder W. R. Hines, Elder N. S. Davis, Elder W. G. Pate, Elder H. E. Mann, Elder W. P. Lamm.

10. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

11. On motion and agreed that we call for petition for our next Association.

12. On motion and agreed appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Healthy Plains, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1955 and continue through Sunday. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner, and Elder W. B. Barnes, Alternate.

13. On motion and agreed that we continue a suspension of our correspondence with our sister associations for a peaceful and brotherly reason until the proper time for restoration.

14. The officers of this Association, together with the deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

15. The following elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning:
Elder J. E. Mewborn, Deut. 32:11-15.
Elder W. E. Grimes, Rom. 7:10.

16. The following elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon:

Elder E. C. Jones, Heb. 11:8-10.
Elder J. D. Fly, No special text.
Elder G. G. Trevathan, Rom. 8:31.

17. The following elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning:
Elder R. B. Denson, 2 Thess. 2:13-16.
Elder C. N. Bunn, Lev. 14:4-7.
Elder C. L. Coker, Acts 9:34-42.
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Rom. 8:1-6.

18. The following elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon:
Elder J. G. Gaskill, Job 1:9
Elder J. L. Ross, Jeremiah 2:3.
Elder J. C. Smith, "Christ"
Elder E. C. Stephenson, Gen. 31:2.

19. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last year	\$119.90	
Received from churches	141.30	
Received from stand contribution	79.80	
Paid for printing minutes	\$ 40.00	
Allowed Clerk	25.00	
Allowed Moderator	10.00	
Given to visiting ministers	150.00	
Joe E. Craft for preparing Association grounds	12.00	
Given to churches that withdrew from Association, half of last years' balance	59.95	
Postage and stationery	.80	
Balance on hand with Brother J. T. Ballance	43.25	
Total	\$341.00	\$341.00

20. On motion and agreed that we send half of the amount of \$119.90, balance on hand from the 1953 session of our Association, to the churches that withdrew from the Black Creek Association.

21. The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

22. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association with whom we correspond, who failed to make his report may do so any time during the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record the same on our Minutes.

23. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches with whom we correspond, and record one on our record, and the the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

24. On motion and agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these Minutes.

25. The Deacons of White Oak Church were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

26. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this, and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

27. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 A. M. Saturday and 10:00 A. M. Sunday.

28. On motion and agreed the messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those not present were marked absent.

29. On motion and agreed that we strike out the phrase, "when printed" in article 12 of the Constitution and Form of Government of the Black Creek Association, which would make this article read, "The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises."

30. After the Minutes were read and approved, the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

31. On motion and agreed that the Moderator be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator
 ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk
 BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE, Assistant Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.
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Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C.	25
Pittman's Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.	23
Scott's—J. B. Barron, 828 Mill St., Wilson, N. C.	34
White Oak—Bady Price, Saratoga, N. C.	33
Sandy Grove—W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	40
Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.	8
Creech's—Curtis Johnson, 6635 Hudson Ave., Norfolk, Va.	52

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Delaware River—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.			10
Delaware—Henry H. Townsend, Sr., Newton Square, Pa.			5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.			40
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va. .			25
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. ..			20
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va. ...			10

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YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948
3—Creech's	1913-1929-1949
4—Healthy Plains	1915-1937
5—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
6—Nashville	1909-1920-1938
7—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935-1951
8—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
9—Scott's	1908-1932-1946
10—White Oak	1907-1927-1944-1954
11—Elm City	1925-1947

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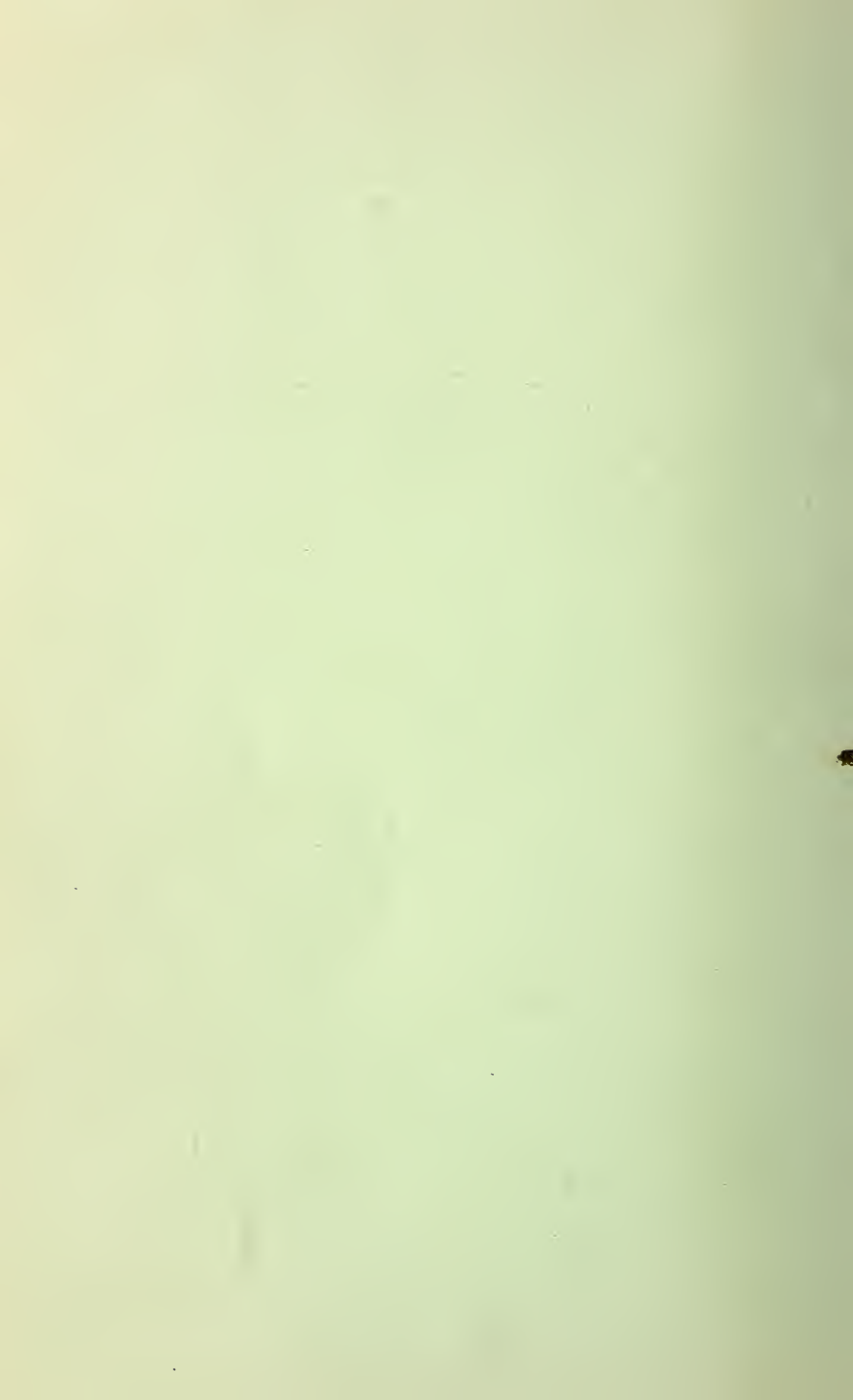
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		Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by Conf.	
Aycock's	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, S. H. Blawe	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	34 ⁷⁵ / ₁₀₀ 20.00
Creech's	Rowland Creech, Curtis Johnson, Bettie Batton	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	13.75
Elm City	Elder W. B. Barnes and wife, Sister Mary E. Page	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	4.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, Wm. Hillard	..	..	..	..	2	..	30	20.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, L. A. Hinton, Elder Johnnie Joyner	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	18.55
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield, W. C. M. Sykes*	..	..	..	2	..	3	21	8.00
Old Beulah	J. P. Pittman, C. F. Broadwell, H. W. Phillips	3	..	..	..	1	1	30	16.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Leland Holland, James Pope	2	..	4	..	3	1	34	6.00
Sandy Grove	Elder J. B. Murry, J. H. Gay, W. T. Brantley	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	15.00
Scott's	J. B. Barron, S. R. Boykin, C. D. Scott	..	1	..	..	1	..	32	10.00
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris	1	..	..	..	..	1	32	10.00
	Totals	8	5	2	2	9	8	2305	\$141.30

* Absent



Minutes
OF THE
Seventy-ninth
Annual Session
OF THE
Black Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Healthy Plains Church

WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 21, 22, 23,

1955



1956 session convenes with Aycock's Church, Friday before
the fourth Sunday in October, at 11 a. m.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. B. BARNES - Moderator, Elm City N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk, Wilson, North Carolina
BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE - Ass't. Clerk, Fremont, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT HEALTHY PLAINS

Wilson County, North Carolina, October 21, 22, 23, 1955

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder Lester E. Lee.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Turner, text 1 Sam. 3:1-3.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder R. B. Denson.

4. On motion agreed Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator, Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother Johnnie Ballance.

5. The following Elders were appointed this afternoon:

Elder Lester E. Lee, text "I am the Way", etc.

Elder W. D. Godwin, Dan. 4:4.

6. The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Finance: E. T. Smith, James Pope, Troy Brantley.

7. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for. Wilson Church presented their petition and were received in full fellowship.

9. Called for messengers from corresponding Associations:

Seven Mile: Brethren Eldridge McLamb, Z. R. Langdon and Elder Lester E. Lee.

Upper County Line: Elders J. W. Gilliam, Deacon J. H. Swaim, Elder W. C. King.

10. We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the visiting ministers, brethren and sisters from adjoining and other Associations who contributed to the success, joy and comfort of our Association.

11. On motion and agreed that we call for petitions for the Association. Aycock's and Beulah presented petitions.

12. On motion and agreed appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Aycock's, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1956 and continue through Sunday. The Introductory Sermon to be preached

by Elder Johnnie Joyner, and Elder W. B. Barnes, alternate.

13. On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the following Associations:

Seven Mile: Elds. J. B. Murray, W. B. Barnes, W. E. Turner.

Upper Country Line: Elders W. B. Barnes, W. E. Turner, J. B. Murray, S. R. Boykin.

14. The officers of this Association, together with the deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

15. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning:

Elder J. D. Fly, text, Heb. 1:12.

Elder S. E. Terry, no special text.

Elder D. V. Spangler, Heb. 12:13.

16. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon:

Elder W. E. Grimes, text, Isa. 2:22.

Elder E. C. Jones, no special text.

17. The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning:

Elder R. B. Denson, Psalm 100.

Elder W. C. King, 2 Cor. 4:15-18.

Elder C. N. Bunn, Rom. 8:16, 17, 26.

Elder E. C. Stephenson, Job 19:1-27.

18. The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon:

Elder J. G. Gaskill, "Search the Scriptures."

Brother E. C. Harrison, brief remarks.

Brother W. A. White, Rev. 22:1.

19. Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last year -----	\$43.25	
Received from the churches -----	175.25	
Received from stand contribution -----	71.00	\$289.50
Paid for printing Minutes -----	\$40.00	
Allowed the Clerk -----	25.00	
Allowed the Moderator -----	10.00	
Gave to ministers -----	168.00	
Balance held by Brother J. T. Ballance -----	46.50	\$289.50

20. The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

21. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association with whom we correspond who failed to make his report may do so any time during the association and the Clerk is authorized to record the same on our Minutes.

22. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and that the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

23. On motion agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed in these Minutes.

24. The deacons of Healthy Plains Church were appointed to preserve order during the service Saturday and Sunday.

25. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression of our thanks at the close of the Association.

26. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10 a. m. Sunday.

27. On motion and agreed the messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those not present were marked absent.

28. After Minutes were read and approved, the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

29. On motion and agreed that the Moderator be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator

ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk

BROTHER J. T. BALANCE, Ass't. Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

- Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Drive, Wilson, N. C.
- Elder J. B. Murray, RFD No. 2, Middlesex, N. C.
- Elder W. B. Barnes, RFD, Stantonburg, N. C.
- Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.
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- Elder L. H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, N. C.
- Licentiate:** Brother A. C. Owens, 1507 Anderson St., Wilson, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Aycock's—J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.	35
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Wilson—Bettie W. Richardson, Rt. 2, Wilson, N. C.	25

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Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.			90
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.			30
Delaware River—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.			10
Delaware—Henry H. Townsend, Sr., Newton Square, Pa.			5
Kehukey—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.			40
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va. .			25
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. ..			20
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va. ...			10
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Box 56, Ferrum, Va.			20
Seven Mile—Elder W. D. Godwin, Rt. 1, Wade, N. C.			10

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
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3—Creech's	1913-1929-1949
4—Healthy Plains	1915-1937-1955
5—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
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Elm City	Raymond Bottoms, Elder W. B. Barnes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	4.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, W. M. Hilliard	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	20.00
Mill Branch	B. Vivrette, L. A. Hinton, J. D. Joyner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	18.75
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	10.50
Old Beulah	S. W. Woodard, O. F. Brown, J. P. Pitman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	20.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Leland Holland, James Pope	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	10.00
Sandy Grove	Elder J. B. Murray, W. T. Brantley, J. H. Gay	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	12.00
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White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	20.00
Wilson	Ernest Thomas, Sister M. G. Harrell, Sister Lizzie Webb	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	10.00
* Absent	Totals	4	2	2	3	3	12	1	326	175.25

Minutes
OF THE
Eightieth
Annual Session
OF THE
Black Creek
Primitive Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Aycock's Church
WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 26, 27, 28,
1956

1957 session convenes with the Church at Wilson, Wilson,
North Carolina, Friday before the fourth Sunday in
October, 1957.



OFFICERS

ELDER W. B. BARNES - Moderator, Stantonsburg, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk Wilson, N. C.
BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE - Ass't Clerk, Fremont, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT AYCOCK'S

Wayne County, North Carolina, October 26, 27, 28, 1956.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Barnes.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Johnnie Joyner, text Eph. 2:4.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Murray.

4. On motion and agreed Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. T. Ballance.

5. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6. The following elders were appointed to preach this afternoon:

Elder A. B. Ayers, text, Psalms 80:8-10.

Elder Lester E. Lee, no special text.

7. The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Finance: E. T. Smith, James Pope, Troy Brantley.

8. Letters from churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10. Called for messengers from associations with whom we correspond:

Seven Mile: Elder Lester E. Lee, Elder W. D. Godwin, Brother L. J. Kinsey.

Upper Country Line: Elder Harvey Smith, Elder J. C. Paschal, Brother Dolphus Paschal, Brother J. H. Swaim and wife, Brother Massey and wife.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Wilson, Wilson, North Carolina, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1957 at 11 o'clock and continue through Sunday. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder J. B. Murray and Elder W. B.

Barnes to be his alternate.

12. On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the associations with whom we correspond:

Seven Mile: Elder J. B. Murray, Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder S. R. Boykin.

Upper Country Line: Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder W. E. Turner.

On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the Kehukee and the Contentnea Associations to ask for a restoration of former correspondence which we temporarily suspended in 1953. (Refer to our minutes of 1953 and 1954.) Brethren E. T. Smith, Joe E. Craft, James Pope agreed to visit the Kehukee Association. Brethren E. T. Smith, Joe E. Craft, Elder W. E. Turner agreed to visit the Contentnea Association.

13. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

14. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning:

Elder R. B. Denson, St. John 15:5-9.

Elder W. D. Godwin, Rev. 1:18.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon:

Licentiate Rufus Brown, Psalms 40:1-10.

Elder J. C. Paschal, St. Matt. 27:37.

Elder B. W. Owens, no special text.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning:

Elder G. G. Trevathan, Introductory song and prayer.

Elder O. J. Croker, 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

Elder J. Harvey Smith, Exodus 3:1, 2.

Elder W. W. Taylor, Isaiah 14:24.

Elder C. N. Bunn, St. Matt. 2:8-12.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon:

Elder E. C. Jones, Psalms 104:1.

Elder W. C. Edwards, no special text.

15. A roll call of the messengers present was taken and those

not present were marked absent.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last Association -----	\$ 46.50	
Received from churches -----	168.00	
Received from contributions -----	104.25	
Paid for minutes -----	\$ 40.00	
Allowed Clerk -----	25.00	
Allowed Moderator -----	10.00	
Given to ministers -----	175.00	
Association Record Books -----	10.92	
Balance on hand, Brother J. T. Ballance ---	57.83	
Totals -----	\$318.75	\$318.75

18. The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and that the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

21. On motion and agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these minutes.

22. The Deacons of Aycock's Church were appointed to preserve order during services Saturday and Sunday.

23. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that the Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10:00 a. m. Sunday.

25. On motion and agreed that the Moderator be allowed

\$10.00 for his services.

26. On motion and agreed that the Clerk be reimbursed for associational record books in the amount of 10.92, as per paid receipts presented to the Association.

27. After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator

ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk

BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE, Ass't. Clk.

Besides visiting ministers from our corresponding associations we were highly favored to have with us Elder W. W. Taylor from the Fellowship Association of Texas; Elder O. J. Croker from the Yellow River Association of Georgia; Licentiate Rufus Brown and Elder E. C. Jones from the Pigg River Association of Virginia; Brother J. J. Whitley from Durham Church, Durham, North Carolina; Elders A. B. Ayers and R. B. Denson from the Kehukee Association; Elders C. N. Bunn, B. W. Owens, G. G. Trevathan, A. P. Mewborn and W. C. Edwards from the Contentnea Association.

Inelegant weather made it necessary to hold all three days of our session in the house. On account of inadequate room in the house a good many had to turn back home which we deeply regret. The house was filled to overflowing on Saturday and Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Drive, Wilson, N. C.

Elder J. B. Murray, RFD No. 2, Middlesex, N. C.

Elder W. B. Barnes, RFD, Stantonsburg, N. C.

Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.

Elder C. D. Turner, Rt. 3, Dunn, N. C.

Elder L. H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, N. C.

Elder S. R. Boykin, 1702 Tryon Road, New Bern, N. C.

Licentiate: Brother A. C. Owens, 1507 Anderson St., Wilson, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Aycock's—J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.	35
Old Beulah—J. P. Pittman, R.F.D. 2, Selma, N. C.	50
Healthy Plains—O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. ...	35
Mill Branch—Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.	25
Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C.	25
Pittman's Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.	25
Scott's—J. B. Barron, 828 Mill St., Wilson, N. C.	35

White Oak—Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.	35
Sandy Grove—W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	40
Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.	10
Creech's—Curtis Johnson, 307 E. Anderson St., Selma, N. C.	25
Wilson—Bettie W. Richardson, Rt. 2, Wilson, N. C.	25

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.			90
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.			15
Delaware River—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.			10
Delaware—Henry H. Townsend, Sr., Newton Square, Pa.			5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.			30
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va. .			25
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. .			20
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va. ...			10
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Box 56, Ferrum, Va. ...			20
Seven Mile—Elder W. D. Godwin, Rt. 1, Wade, N. C.			10

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

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11—Elm City	1925-1947
12—Wilson	

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Creech's—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. Clerk, Curtis Johnson, 307 E. Anderson St., Selma, N. C. June, fourth Sunday.
4. Healthy Plains—No pastor; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.
5. Mill Branch—Pastor and Clerk, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
6. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C. Rt. 2; September, 4th Sunday.
7. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.
8. Sandy Grove—Pastor Elder L. H. Stephenson, Clerk W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; May fourth Sunday.
9. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
10. White Oak—Pastor, Elder A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.; Clerk, Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

11. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Stantonburg, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonburg, N. C., 2nd Sunday in October.
12—Wilson—Pastor Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. Clerk. Bettis W. Richardson, Rt. 2, Wilson, N. C.; August second Sunday.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the direction of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1. to provide for the general rule of churches; 2. to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7. the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9. the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

NAMES OF MESSENGERS

		Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Conf. of Faith	Total Membership	Contribution
Aycock's	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, R. L. Ballance	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	33	\$20.00
Creech's	Percy Legerin, Wade Strickland*, Curtis Jolinson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	17.00
Elm City	Eld. W. B. Barnes, Bro. C. S. Blount, Millie F. Barnes	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	4.00
Healthy Plains	H. W. Howard, G. C. Coleman, Cleveland Coleman	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	26	20.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, L. A. Hinton, J. D. Joyner	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	20	19.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, W. D. Robbins, J. W. Whitfield	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	18	8.00
Old Beulah	J. P. Pittman, J. W. Woodard, J. N. Pittman	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	50	20.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, M. T. Rapier, Joe Langley*	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	31	10.00
Sandy Grove	Eld. J. B. Murray, J. H. Gay, W. T. Brantley	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	18	10.00
Scott's	J. B. Barron, L. H. Stephenson, C. D. Scott	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	35	15.00
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris*	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	33	15.00
Wilson	Ernest Thomas, Sister Harrell, Bettie Richardson	5	1	2	1	..	3	2	24	10.00
* Absent	Totals	14	4	3	2	1	4	3	221	168.00

Minutes
OF THE
Eighty-First
Annual Session
OF THE
Black Creek
Primitive Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Wilson Church
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 25, 26, 27,
1957

Next session convenes with Nashville Church, Nashville,
N. C., Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1958.



OFFICERS

ELDER W. B. BARNES - Moderator,	Stantonsburg, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk	Wilson, N. C.
BRO. J. T. BALANCE - Ass't. Clerk	Fremont, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT WILSON, N. C., OCTOBER 25, 26, 27, 1957.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Barnes.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Murray, text, 1 Cor. 2:1-5.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler.

4. On motion and agreed Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. T. Ballance.

5. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6. The following Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon: Elder A. B. Ayers, text, Heb. 5:5; Elder W. E. Grimes, Ezek. 16:16; Elder Lester E. Lee, John 1:27.

7. The following brethren were appointed a committee on finance: E. T. Smith, James Pope, Lee Pope.

8. Letters from the churches composing this association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this association were called for.

10. On motion and agreed that we call for a report of the messengers that were appointed last year to the Contentnea and the Kehukee Associations to petition for a restoration of our former correspondence. The Messengers appointed to the Kehukee Association, E. T. Smith, Joe E. Craft, James Pope reported their petition granted and correspondence restored.

Messengers appointed to the Contentnea Association, E. T. Smith, Elder W. E. Turner, Joe E. Craft, reported their petition granted and correspondence restored.

11. Called for messengers from associations with whom we correspond:

Contentnea: J. R. Mills, R. W. Edwards.

Kehukee, Elders W. E. Grimes, R. B. Denson.

Seven Mile: L. J. Kinsey, Eldridge McLamb, Eld. Lester Lee

Upper Country Line: Elder David Spangler, J. H. Swaim.

12. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held

with the church at Nashville, Nashville, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1958, at eleven o'clock, and continue through Sunday.

The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder L. H. Stephenson and Elder S. R. Boykin to be his alternate.

13. On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the associations with whom we correspond:

Contentnea: E. T. Smith, Eld. Johnnie Joyner, J. B. Barron.

Kehukee: Elders S. R. Boykin, L. H. Stephenson, Bro. Joe E. Craft.

Seven Mile: Elders W. B. Barnes, S. R. Boykin, Bro. J. Craft.

Upper Country Line: Elders W. B. Barnes, S. R. Boykin, L. H. Stephenson.

14. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

15. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning: Elder B. D. Handy, John 3:1

Elder D. V. Spangler, Rev. 1:4

Elder E. C. Jones, John 1:16

The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon:

Elder J. G. Gaskill, Luke 10:25

Elder G. G. Trevathan, Ecc. 4:12

Elder J. Harvey Smith, Excused himself.

Elder W. D. Godwin, Eph. 1:5

The following were appointed to preach Sunday morning:

Brother Rufus Brown opened service with praise and prayer and remarks.

Elder J. C. Paschal, Luke 17:21

Elder R. B. Denson, 2 Cor. 4:3

Elder A. P. Mewborn, Matt. 28:1

Elder Ernest Oakley, John 15:16-18

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday p. m.:

Elder C. L. Coker, no special text

Elder B. W. Owen, no special text

Elder W. C. Edwards, John 1:1-5

Elder E. C. Harrison, Job 28:28

Elder W. E. Grimes, No people like Israel.

16. A roll of messengers was taken and those not present were marked absent.

17. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called to report and those that failed to attend were excused.

18. The Committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last Association -----	\$57.83	
Received from churches -----	167.00	
Contribution -----	56.50	
Paid for minutes -----	\$40.00	
Allowed Clerk -----	25.00	
Allowed Moderator -----	10.00	
J. T. Ballance for lunch benches -----	20.00	
J. B. Barron for truck hire to move benches to Nashville, N. C. -----	6.00	
Given to ministers -----	123.00	
Balance on hand with Bro. J. T. Ballance	47.33	
	\$271.33	\$271.33

19. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

20. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association who failed to make his report, may make his report to the Clerk any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

21. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and that the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

22. On motion agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

23. The Deacons of Wilson Church were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday, Bros. O. W. Hales and J. B. Barron were appointed to assist them.

24. On motion and agreed that the Moderator be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

25. On motion agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10 a. m. Sunday.

26. On motion agreed that the Association pay for the lunch benches furnished by Brother J. T. Ballance and that they become the property of the Association.

27. On motion agreed that we, the Association express our gratitude to Mr. Zeke Cezart for granting us the privileges of using the Center Brick Warehouse for our Saturday and Sunday services.

Resolved also that we express our thanks to Dicks Electric Co., and their representative, Mr. Graham Boykin for the installation of a loud speaker system for the benefit of the Association.

28. Resolved that our thanks be extended to the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared and entertained us.

29. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator

ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk

BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE, Ass't. Clerk

Besides our corresponding visitors we were highly favored to have with us Brother J. J. Whitley from Durham Church, Elder E. C. Jones, Brother F. W. Prilliman and Licentiate Rufus Brown from the Pigg River Association. Many other visitors were among us whose names we could not learn, but we appreciate their presence and truly hope the Lord will bless us to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next session.

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12—Wilson—Pastor Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. Clerk. Bettie W. Richardson, Rt. 2, Wilson, N. C.; August second Sunday.

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8—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
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CREECH'S	Curtis V. Johnson, Wade Strickland*, Percy Liggon*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	18.00
ELM CITY	Elder W. B. Barnes, Sister W. B. Barnes, C. S. Blount*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	4.00
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MILL BRANCH	B. Viverette, J. D. Joyner, L. H. Hinton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	11.50
NASHVILLE	W. D. Robbins, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	10.00
OLD BEULAH	O. F. Brown, J. V. Woodard, J. P. Pittman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	20.00
PITTMAN'S GROVE	Lee Pope, James Pope, G. L. Holland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	10.00
SANDY GROVE	Elder J. B. Burray, I. W. Jernigan, J. H. Gay	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	13.50
SCOTT'S	J. B. Barron, T. B. Mercer, C. D. Scott	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	15.00
WHITE OAK	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	15.00
WILSON	Ernest Thomas, Beatrice Harrell, Betty Richardson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	10.00
		2	2	2	2	3	6	312	167.00	

Minutes
OF THE
Eighty-Third
Annual Session
OF THE
Black Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
The Church at
Mill Branch
NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 23, 24, 25,

1959



— OFFICERS —

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Proceedings

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1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Turner.

2. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Stephenson, from James 5:10.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Ayers.

4. On motion and agreed Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator, and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk who called to his assistance, Brother J. T. Ballance.

5. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6. The following Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon: Elder A. B. Ayers, Psalms 46:8; Elder Lester E. Lee, Psalms, 37:1.

7. The following brethren were appointed a committee on finance: E. T. Smith, James Pope, Lee Pope.

8. Letters from the churches composing this association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this association were called for.

10. Called for messengers from associations with whom we correspond:

Contentnea: R. C. Williams, R. W. Edwards.

Seven Mile: Elder W. D. Godwin, L. J. Kinsey, Elder Lester E. Lee.

Kehukee: Elder R. B. Denson, I. H. C. Joyner, Elder A. B. Ayers.

Upper Country Line: E. S. Rudd.

11. Appointed the next session of our association to be held with the church at Sandy Grove, Nash County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1960, at eleven o'clock and continue through Sunday. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder S. R. Boykin and

Elder Johnnie Joyner his alternate.

12. On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the associations with whom we correspond:

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13. The officers of this association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

14. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning: Elder W. E. Grimes, introduced with song and prayer. Elder R. B. Denson, St. John, 21:15-17; Elder Rufus Brown, St. Mark, 8:29; Elder J. O. Connor, St. Matt. 1:18.

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The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon: Elder B. D. Handy, Rev. 21:22-24; Elder D. B. Stokes, 1 Peter 2:9; Elder Ernest Oakley, St. Matt. 18:12-14.

15. A roll call of messengers was taken and those not present were marked absent.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last association -----	\$ 81.15	
Received from churches -----	173.75	
Contributions -----	159.35	\$414.25

Paid for minutes -----	\$ 45.00	
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Allowed Clerk -----	25.00
Allowed Moderator -----	10.00
Janitor services for school building -----	10.00
Balance on hand -----	89.25
Given to ministers -----	235.25 \$414.25

18. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk any time during the association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our minutes.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and association with whom we correspond, and that the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

21. On motion and agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22. The Deacons of Mill Branch Church were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23. On motion and agreed that our association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10:00 a. m. on Sunday.

24. On motion and agreed that the Moderator be allowed 10.00 for his services.

25. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the end of the services.

26. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator

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Besides our regular correspondence we had the following visitors with us: Bro. O. Y. Clayton and wife of Stem Church; Elder O. J. Croker and Sister Sorrell from New Harmony Church, Georgia; Elder W. W. Taylor and wife, Sister Chambers of St. Rest Church, Dallas, Texas; Elder Rufus Brown and wife, Elder J. O. Connor and wife, Pig River Association; Deacon F. W. Prilliman, Smith River Association; Brother J. J. Whitley, Sister Langley, Bro. and Sister Massey, Bro. and Sister Faucette and Brother Will Whitley, Durham Church.

Our association owes a debt of gratitude to the School Board for allowing us the privilege of using the Elm City High School Auditorium for our Saturday and Sunday services.

Our deep appreciation also goes to Elm City's Chief of Police, Raymond Bottoms and his force for their splendid cooperation in helping in the orderly parking of cars.

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YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940-1956
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948
3—Creech's	1913-1929-1949
4—Healthy Plains	1915-1937-1955
5—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945-1959
6—Nashville	1909-1920-1938-1958
7—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935-1951
8—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
9—Scott's	1908-1932-1946
10—White Oak	1907-1927-1944-1954
11—Elm City	1925-1947
12—Wilson	1906-1930-1957

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Creeches—Elder D. B. Stokes, 416 Nelson, Dr., Jacksonville, N. C.; Clerk, Curtis Johnson, 702 N. Howell St., Selma, N. C. June fourth Sunday.

4. Healthy Plains—No pastor; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

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Nashville	W. D. Robbins, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	7.25
Old Beulah	J. P. Pittman, J. V. Woodard, H. W. Phillips	..	..	..	..	4	..	46	20.00
Pittman's Grove	Lec. Pope, Leland Holland, James Pope	2	..	..	..	..	..	32	10.00
Sandy Grove	I. W. Jernigan, J. H. Gay, W. T. Brantley	..	..	..	..	1	..	18	15.00
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White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, Arthur Morris	..	..	..	..	..	3	27	15.00
Wilson	Ernest Thomas,* Lizzie Webb, Beatrice Harrell	..	..	..	..	..	2	19	10.00
Totals	..	4	..	1	2	12	..	296	\$173.75

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OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 1961.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder Johnnie Joyner.

2. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Murray, text, Eph. 1:7-10.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. E. Getsinger.

4. On motion and agreed Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator, and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk who called to his assistance Brother Eli Smith.

5. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6. The following Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon: Lester E. Lee, text, John 14:6; P. E. Getsinger, text, St. Luke 17:20-21; A. B. Ayers, text Heb. 13:20.

7. The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Finance: James Pope, Lee Pope, J. R. Hooks.

8. Letters from the churches composing this association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this association were called for.

10. Called for messengers from Associations with whom we correspond.

Contentnea: W. C. Adams, J. J. Dupree, R. C. Williams.

Seven Mile: Elder W. D. Godwin, Elder Lester E. Lee, J. D. Young.

Kehukee: Elder A. B. Ayers, Elder W. E. Grimes, Lee Gooch.

Upper Country Line: E. G. Comer and wife.

11. Appointed the next session of our association to be held with the Church at Elm City to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1962 at eleven o'clock and continue through Sunday. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. B. Barnes and Elder Johnnie Joyner, his alternate.

12. On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the Associations with whom we correspond.

Contentnea: Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder L. H. Stephenson, Eli Smith.

Kehukee: Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder L. H. Stephenson, J. R. Hooks.

Seven Mile: Elder J. B. Murray, Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder L. H. Stephenson.

Upper Country Line: Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder L. H. Stephenson, O. W. Hales.

13. The officers of this association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

14. The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday morning. Services were introduced by W. A. Smith. W. D. Godwin, Eph. 1:6; W. E. Grimes, Jude 1:1; J. O. Conner, Rom. 11:33.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon: Licentiate W. A. Smith, no special text; Rufus Brown, Isaiah 40:1.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning: W. B. Barnes introduced the service. B. D. Handy, Eph. 1:3. J. G. Gaskill, Isaiah 26:1. J. R. Hollandsworth, Psal. 77:1-12, A. P. Mewborn, March 17:10; G. G. Trevathan, no special text.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon: C. N. Bunn, Rev. 21:1; Ernest Oakley, no special text; I. S. Connor, 2 Thess. 4:3; C. L. Coker, no special text; E. C. Harrison, Isa. 40:2; Mark E. Garner, Eph. 2:8; Licentiate E. G. Blackman, no special text. D. B. Stokes, remarks.

15. A roll call of messengers was taken and those not present were marked absent.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last association -----	\$ 94.15
Received from churches -----	190.25
Contributions -----	135.90
	\$420.30
 Paid for Minutes -----	 \$ 45.00

Allowed Clerk -----	25.00	
Allowed Moderator -----	10.00	
Given to Ministers -----	226.00	
Use of Auditorium -----	8.00	
Janitor Service -----	8.00	
Balance on hand -----	98.30	\$420.30

18. The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report to the Clerk on Friday may make his report to the Clerk any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our minutes.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond and that the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

21. On motion and agreed that the Constitution and rules of Decorum be printed with these minutes.

22. The deacons of Scotts Church were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23. On motion and agreed that our Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10:00 a. m. on Sunday.

24. On motion and agreed that the Moderator be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

25. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the end of the service.

26. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

The Association expresses its deepest appreciation to Mr. Jack Humphry, principal of Lucama High School, for allowing us the privilege of using the school auditorium and lunch room and his personal assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

Besides our regular correspondence, we wish to acknowledge

our visiting brethren and sisters whom we seated from other churches and Associations:

Pigg River: Elder J. O. Conner and wife, Brother Bobby Snyder and wife, Brother J. E. Cooper.

Sister Lucy Langley, Durham Church. There were others whom we did not get the names of. We appreciate their presence and invite them to visit us a year hence.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator

ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk

BROTHER JOHNNIE BALLANCE,

Assistant Clerk

BROTHER ELI SMITH, Ass't Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Drive, Wilson, N. C.

Elder J. B. Murray, RFD No. 2, Middlesex, N. C.

Elder W. B. Barnes, RFD No. 1, Stantonburg, N. C.

Elder Johnnie Joyner, Rt. 1, Box 404, Rocky Mt., N. C.

Elder C. D. Turner, Rt. 3, Dunn, N. C.

Elder L. H. Stephenson, RFD No. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.

Elder S. R. Boykin, 1702 Tryon Road, New Bern, N. C.

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940-1956
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948
3—Creech's	1913-1929-1949
4—Healthy Plains	1915-1937-1955
5—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945-1959
6—Nashville	1909-1920-1938-1958
7—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935-1951-1960
8—Sandy Grove	1923-1943-1960
9—Scott's	1908-1932-1946-1961
10—White Oak	1907-1927-1944-1954
11—Elm City	1925-1947
12—Wilson	1906-1930-1957

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder D. B. Stokes 416 Nelson Dr Jacksonville N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, RFD No. 2, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Creeches—Elder D. B. Stokes, 416 Nelson, Dr., Jacksonville, N. C.; Clerk, Curtis Johnson, 702 N. Howell St., Selma, N. C. June fourth Sunday.

4. Healthy Plains—No pastor; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

5. Mill Branch—Pastor, Eld. Johnnie Joyner, Rt. 1, Box 404, Rocky Mt., N. C. August 1st Sunday.

6. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Nashville, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
7. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.
8. Sandy Grove—Pastor Elder L. H. Stephenson, Clerk W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; May 1st Sunday.
9. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
10. White Oak—Pastor, Elder A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.; Clerk, Arthur Morris, Saratoga, N. C. August 1st Sunday.
11. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.; Clerk, Raymond Bottoms, Elm City, N. C., 2nd Sunday in October.
12. Wilson—Pastor, Elder D. B. Stokes, 416 Nelson Dr., Jacksonville, N. C., Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. August 2nd Sunday.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Aycock's—J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.	35
Old Beulah—J. P. Pittman, R.F.D. 2, Selma, N. C.	50
Healthy Plains—O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. .	25
Mill Branch—Eld. Johnnie Joyner, Rt. 1, Box 404, Rocky Mt., N. C. 20	
Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C.	20
Pittman's Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.	30
Scott's—J. B. Barron, 828 Belmont Ave., Wilson, N. C.	35
White Oak—Arthur Morris, Saratoga, N. C.	35
Sandy Grove—W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	20
Elm City—Raymond Bottoms, Elm City, N. C.	10
Creech's—Curtis Johnson, 702 N. Howell., Selma, N. C.	25
Wilson—O. W. Hales, 806 S. Tarboro St. Wilson, N. C.	25

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.			90
Contentnea—E. M. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.			15
Delaware River—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.			10
Delaware—Henry H. Townsend, Sr., Newton Square, Pa.			5
Kehukee—Elder E. C. Harrison, Rt. 2, Williamston, N. C.			30
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va. .			25
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. .			20
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va. .			10
Smith River—Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va.			20
Seven Mile—Elder W. D. Godwin, Rt. 1, Wade, N. C.			10
O. Y. Clayton, Roxboro, N. C.			15

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the

different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the direction of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1. to provide for the general rule of churches; 2. to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7. the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9. the Association shall

have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS					Rec'd by Baptism		Rec'd by Letter		Restored to Fel.		Dis'd by Letter		Excluded		Deceased		Tot. Membership		Contribution	
Aycock's	J. R. Hooks, R. L. Ballance, Gordon Smith	1	...	1	...	3	28	\$20.60														
Creeches'	Arnold Creech, Garland Creech, Curtis Johnson	3	...	1	...	1	33	20.00														
Elm City	C. S. Blount, Elder W. B. Barnes	...	...	...	...	1	9	8.00														
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, Cleveland Coleman,* O. W. Hales	...	...	...	...	1	22	20.00														
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, L. A. Hinton, Elder Johnnie Joyner	...	...	...	...	1	18	19.25														
Nashville	W. D. Robbins, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	...	...	...	...	1	11	10.00														
Old Beulah	O. F. Brown, J. V. Woodard, J. P. Pittman	1	...	...	...	...	40	28.00														
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Leland Holland, James Pope	...	...	...	...	1	31	10.00														
Sandy Grove	Elder J. B. Murry, I. W. Jernigan, W. T. Brantley	...	...	...	...	2	18	15.00														
Scott's	J. B. Barron, C. D. Scott, T. B. Mercer	...	...	...	...	2	31	15.00														
White Oak	Ivey Reason, Joe E. Cratt, Earl Reason	5	...	...	...	1	31	15.00														
Wilson	Ernest Thomas,* Beatrice Harrel, Elsie Mintz	1	...	1	...	1	18	10.00														
	Totals	11	...	2	1	4	13	290	190.25													

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* Absent

Minutes
OF THE
Ninety-First
Annual Session
OF THE
Black Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at
Healthy Plains

WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22,

❧1967❧

Appointed the next session of our association to be held with the church at Aycocks, Wayne County, North Carolina. Beginning Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1968 and continuing through Sunday.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. B. BARNES Moderator
ELDER W. E. TURNER Clerk
DEACON ELI SMITH Ass't Clerk

Proceedings
OF THE NINETY-FIRST SESSION OF THE
BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT HEALTHY PLAINS
WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,
OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 1967.

1. The services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. L. Smith, hymn 697.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Barnes, text John 6:37.

3. Conference was opened by praise and prayer by Elder O. V. Allen, hymn 31.

4. On motion and agreed, Elder W. B. Barnes was chosen Moderator and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Deacon Eli Smith.

5. On motion and agreed visiting ministers, messengers and brethren were invited to seats with us.

6. The following Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon: Elder W. T. Brown, no special text; Elder O. V. Allen, Hosea 2:7.

7. The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Finance: Lee Pope, James Pope, W. T. Hooks.

8. Letters from the churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10. Called for messengers from Associations with whom we correspond:

Contentnea: Elder C. L. Coker, Brethren Rossie Williams, W. J. Dupree.

Kehukee: J. R. Gardner, Lee Gooch.

Pigg River District: Minutes.

Seven Mile: Eldridge McLamb, J. Luby Royals.

Smith River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes.

Upper Country Line: G. G. Comer, E. S. Rudd, H. L. Key.

Visitors from other Associations and churches not in our correspondence: Eld. W. D. Griffin and wife, Baltimore Association. Sister Agnes Truitt, Salisbury Church, Md., Elder J. L. Smith and wife, South Ouachita Association,

Louisiana. Brother Dan Clayton, Gooch Memorial Church, Stem, N. C.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Aycock's, Wayne County, North Carolina, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1968, at 11 o'clock a.m., and continue through Sunday. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder S. R. Boykin, and Elder Johnnie Joyner his alternate.

12. On motion and agreed that we appoint messengers to the Associations with whom we correspond:

Contentnea: Eli Smith and wife, Elder L. H. Stephenson.

Kehukee: Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder L. H. Stephenson, Deacon Eli Smith.

Pigg River District: Elder W. E. Turner, Elder S. R. Boykin.

Seven Mile: Deacon Troy Brantley, Deacon T. P. Gay, Elder L. H. Stephenson.

Smith River: Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder W. E. Turner.

Staunton River: Elder S. R. Boykin, Deacons T. P. Gay and Troy Brantley.

Upper Country Line: Elder S. R. Boykin, Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder W. E. Turner.

13. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

14. The following Elders were appointed to preach on Saturday morning: Elder Kenneth Key, introduced with hymn 3, text Eph. 2:8; Elder W. C. King. John 5:37; Elder C. L. Coker, 1 Tim. 1:1.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon: Elder Wallis A. Smith, text Paul and Silas, Acts 16; Elder G. G. Trevathan, text Rom. 8:14; Elder J. J. Rhue, text Luke 12:32; Elder Rufus Brown, no special text.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday morning: Elder D. B. Stokes, introduced with hymn 143, and prayer, text, remarks; Elder W. D. Griffin, 2 Cor. 13; Elder A. P. Mewborn, remarks; Elder Mark E. Garner, did

not get text.

The following Elders were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon: Elder J. L. Smith, 1 John 1:8.

15. A roll call of the messengers was taken and those not present were marked absent.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand from last Association . .	\$ 69.54	
Received from churches	189.00	
Contributions	155.33	\$413.87
Paid for Minutes	61.80	
Allowed the Clerk	35.00	
Allowed the Moderator	10.00	
Given to ministers	235.00	
Incidental expenses	2.09	
Use of school auditorium	13.00	
Balance on hand	56.98	\$413.87

18. The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or Association who failed to make his report to the Clerk on Friday, may make his report to the Clerk any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same on our Minutes.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond and the Clerk be allowed \$35.00 for his services.

21. On motion and agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed in these Minutes.

22. The deacons of the Church at Healthy Plains were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23. On motion and agreed that our Association begin

services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10 a. m. Sunday.

24. On motion and agreed that our Moderator be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

25. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the end of the services.

26. After the Minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned with praise and prayer by the Moderator to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session.

ELDER W. B. BARNES, Moderator
ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk
DEACON ELI T. SMITH, Ass't Clerk

Our Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to the Rock Ridge School authorities for their kindness in allowing it the privilege of using the school auditorium and lunch room for their Saturday and Sunday services.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1. AYCOCK'S—Pastor, Elder D. B. Stokes, 1029 Daniel Drive, Jacksonville, N. C. Clerk, Eli T. Smith. Rt. 1, Eureka, N. C. 3rd Sunday, September, December, March, June.

2. OLD BEULAH—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C. Clerk, Julius P. Pittman, Rt. 2, Selma, N. C. 3rd Sunday September, December, March, June.

3. CREECH'S—Pastor, Elder D. B. Stokes. Clerk, Curtis Johnson, 410 Griswold St., Selma, N. C. 4th Sunday, June, September, December, March.

4. HEALTHY PLAINS—Pastor, Elder Oliver V. Allen, Box 153, Verona, N. C. Clerk, Cleveland Coleman, Rt. 1, Sims, N. C. 2nd Sunday, August November, February, May.

5. MILL BRANCH—Pastor, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C. 1st Sunday August, November, February, May.

6. NASHVILLE—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner. Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, 1102 Liberty St., Rocky Mount, N. C. 4th Sunday September, December, March, June.

7. PITTMAN'S GROVE—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner. Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C. 2nd Sunday October, January, April, July.

8. SANDY GROVE—Pastor, Elder Oliver V. Allen, Box 153, Verona, N. C. Clerk, W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C. 1st Sunday May, August, November February.

9. SCOTTS—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner. Clerk, J. B. Barron, 828 Belmont Ave., Wilson, N. C. 1st Sunday October, January, April July.

10. WHITE OAK—Pastor, Elder A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C. Clerk, Ivey Reason, 509 Grove St., Wilson, N. C. 1st Sunday August, November, February, May.

11. ELM CITY—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C. No regular Clerk. 2nd Sunday October, January, April, July.

12. WILSON—Pastor, Elder D. B. Stokes. Clerk, Preston Gay, 603 Privette St., Wilson, N. C. 2nd Sun. August, November, February, May.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C.

Elder W. B. Barnes, Rt. 1, Stantonsburg, N. C.

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Elder C. D. Turner, Rt. 3, Dunn, N. C.

Elder L. H. Stephenson, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.

Elder S. R. Boykin, 900 Jordan St., Wilson, N. C.

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940-1956
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948-1963
3—Creech's	1913-1929-1949-1964
4—Healthy Plains	1915-1937-1955-1967
5—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945-1959
6—Nashville	1909-1920-1938-1958
7—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935-1951-1965
8—Sandy Grove	1923-1943-1960
9—Scott's	1908-1932-1946-1961
10—White Oak	1907-1927-1944-1954-1966
11—Elm City	1925-1947-1962
12—Wilson	1906-1930-1957

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Aycock's—Eli Smith, Rt. 1, Eureka, N. C.	24
Old Beulah—J. P. Pittman, Rt. 2, Selma, N. C.	31
Healthy Plains—Cleveland Coleman, Rt. 1, Sims, N. C.	18
Mill Branch—Eld. Johnnie Joyner, Rt. 1, Box 404, Rocky Mt. N. C.	17
Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, 1102 Liberty St., Rocky Mt., N. C.	8
Pittman's Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.	30
Scott's—J. B. Barron, 828 Belmont Ave. Wilson, N. C.	30
White Oak—Ivey Reason, 509 Grove St., Wilson, N. C.	24
Sandy Grove—W. T. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	15
Elm City—Elder W. B. Barnes, Rt. 1, Stantonsburg, N. C.	5
Creech's—Curtis Johnson, 410 Griswold St. Selma N. C.	46
Wilson—Preston Gay, 603 Privette St., Wilson, N. C.	18

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
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Kehukee—Elder E. C. Harrison, Rt. 2, Williamston, N. C.			31
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va.			25
Upper Country Line—Donald E. Smith, Rt. 7, Burlington, N. C.			20

Smith River—Amos Hash Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va.	15
Seven Mile—Elder W. D. Godwin, Rt. 1, Wade N. C.	10
O. Y. Clayton, 708 Reams St., Roxboro, N. C.	15
B. B. Williams, Blairs, Va.	12

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union, shall be entitled to representation in this Association, but not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the direction of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the Association. The raising and supporting of this fund is, we think, the duty of every church in this Union. Each church should contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send them by the hands of their messengers to this Association. These messengers shall be accountable to the Association for the money thus contributed by the churches until it is received by this Association.

12. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if

need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1. to provide for the general rule of churches; 2. to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. to appropriate the moneys by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7. the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9. the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasions conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No members of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS							
		Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership
Aycock's	J. R. Hooks, Gordon Smith, R. L. Ballance	3	2	.....	.....	.....	3	23
Creech's	Curtis Johnson, Garland Creech, John Johnson *	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	20.00
Elm City	Elder W. B. Barnes, J. D. Griffin, Ruth Baines .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	8.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, R. C. Coleman, Cleveland Coleman .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	16.00
Mill Branch	L. A. Hinton, L. R. Luper, Elder Johnnie Joyner .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	17.00
Nashville	W. D. Robbins, J. W. Whitfield, Minnie L. Bell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8.00
Old Beulah	J. P. Pittman, H. W. Phillips, W. R. Davis .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	29
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Leland Holland, James Pope .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	15.00
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley, Sally Bunn, Lessie Davis .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	15.00
Scotts	J. B. Barron, Elder S. R. Boykin, C. D. Scott .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	28
White Oak	Ivey Reason, Earl Reason, Ernest Reason						3	20
Wilson	Preston Gay, Daylon Evans	1	5				1	23
		5					1	23

Absentees marked thus: *

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